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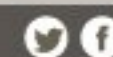
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Dan Trivett uses handicapped spots legally, and is tired of the rude attitude from the public. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Weird ferry names pitched

HALIFAX TRANSIT

Contest brings
out 'interesting'
submissions



**Zane
Woodford**
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How would you feel about riding the Fart Hopper across the harbour for your morning commute?

At least one Haligonian thought it would be a suitable name for the new Halifax Transit ferry.

A list of hundreds of names submitted to the municipality in fall 2014 includes plenty of odd submissions for the ferry that ended up being dubbed the Viola Desmond after public voting.

Desmond's was one of five names chosen by a committee made up of Mayor Mike Savage and a representative from each

community council after municipal staff narrowed the number down to 20.

"We do that based on criteria such as what names are culturally significant to the area, are they appropriate for using on board the ferry, would they likely be subject to approval by Transport Canada," said municipal spokesperson Tiffany Chase on Wednesday.

"We can laugh at ourselves as well and some of the ones that are put in that are more humorous certainly would be interesting choices."

Along with Fart Hopper, some of the more "interesting" ones would include the very punny Katy Ferry, HRM Money Pit and, of course, Donair.

"For us, we see it as an opportunity to commemorate someone who has contributed significantly to this area," Chase said.

"It's quite unlikely that (Transport Canada is) going to sign off on something inappropriate."

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Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia vice-president Matt Spurway tries out the province's 100th set of crosswalk flags on Rocky Lake Drive in Bedford on Wednesday. Inset: A worker installs one of the latest crosswalk flag holders near Bedford. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Waving pedestrians to safety

CROSSWALKS

Bedford home to 100th set of orange flags



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

There's a little more orange in

Bedford after the installation of the province's 100th set of crosswalk flags Wednesday, but the man who made it happen can't say for sure if the flags have made a difference.

"I think that being attentive to crosswalk safety in many different ways, of which this is only one, is good and positive and can't do anything but help," said Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia president Norm Collins.

"Are they effective? I think the evidence is there that they are, but you can never tell whether they've actually saved a life or not."

Collins cites studies done in the U.S. that he says show crosswalk flags are actually about 20 per cent more effective than overhead lights at crosswalks.

"Citizens and residents feel there's a need, feel that there's not enough being done by the

city and want something to address the situation," he said. "Without that demand, we wouldn't be here today."

Coun. Tim Outhit, who used his councillors' discretionary fund for the flags installed in his district Wednesday, along with about 10 other sets, said if the flags can prevent just one incident, they're worth it.

"Whether people use them to walk across the street or not,

the fact that they're there ... I think they're drawing more attention to those crosswalks day and night," he said.

Outhit compares the flags to policing: "It's the same thing as police out patrolling. Can you prove that police car patrolling a neighbourhood prevented a crime? No, but I think most people believe visibility is a good thing. Well I believe visibility of crosswalks is a good thing

too," he said.

Collins hopes to continue to increase that visibility in Halifax Regional Municipality.

His goal is to have the most crosswalk flags of any city, period. Salt Lake City, Utah — the city where crosswalk flags began — have 229, he said.

"Obviously there's a need for additional crosswalk safety," he said. "This has really taken off, and we ... expect it to continue."

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DRUGS

Police find cocaine during traffic stop



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Three people are facing drug charges after police say a large amount of cocaine was seized during a traffic stop.

Halifax Regional Police say around 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, officers pulled over a vehicle on Walter Havill Drive in Halifax.

Police say they found a large amount of cocaine, as well as cannabis resin and cellphones.

Three people were arrested at the scene, including the driver, and are all now facing charges.

Anthony Douglas Roberts, 30, of Halifax, Jasmin Jasco Demirovic, 23, of Burnaby, B.C., and Tyler Bradley Richards of Dartmouth, 29, are each charged with traffick-



Tyler Richards. METRO FILE

ing cocaine.

Richards, a former basketball star with the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, who also played professionally with the Halifax Rainmen, is also charged with possession of cannabis resin and one count of breach of probation.

Demirovic is also facing two counts of breach of probation.

CRIME

Man faces charges of possessing child porn

A 61-year-old Nova Scotia man was set to appear in provincial court Wednesday to face charges of accessing and possessing child pornography.

Lunenburg RCMP arrested Arnold (Butch) Leroy Zwicker on Monday evening, after receiving a complaint about someone "accessing child pornography over the Internet in the Chester area," a police release said.

Officers searched Zwicker's home in Chester Basin, in addition to the Eleanor Paw Memorial Arena, on Tuesday, where they "seized numerous electronic devices from both locations," as well as three guns, the news

release said.

Zwicker was scheduled to answer to the charges in Bridgewater provincial court. METRO

Cellphone, wallet taken in street robbery

Police are looking for a man in connection to a Tuesday night street robbery on Clifton St. near Garrick Ln.

A 19-year-old man was walking on Clifton when he was attacked from behind, thrown to the ground and kicked. The suspect took the victim's cellphone and wallet and fled.

Police said the victim was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The suspect is described as a 6'0" male dressed in black. METRO



Suspended Dalhousie medical student Stephen Tynes has been living in Truro with his father on conditions. FACEBOOK

Dal student now faces sexual assault charge

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Stephen Tynes earlier charged with uttering death threats



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A suspended Dalhousie medical student charged with uttering threats and allegedly planning to shoot multiple people on campus is now facing a sexual assault charge.

Stephen Gregory Tynes was arraigned in Halifax provincial court Wednesday in relation to a sexual assault charge against a woman Tynes knew, said Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Const. Dianne Woodworth.

"It involved touching over clothing," Woodworth said Wednesday.

Woodworth said the incident happened May 23, 2013 and the investigation began on Sept. 2, 2015. Tynes was arrested on Feb. 2.

Tynes is also facing charges in Halifax dating to last August, when he was enrolled at Dalhousie University as a med-

ical student. On Aug. 20 Tynes allegedly told a psychiatrist he had thoughts of shooting up to 20 people and stabbing the school's associate dean of undergraduate medical education and her daughter, according to documents filed in Halifax provincial court.

Tynes was later charged with two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, and one count of engaging in threatening conduct directed at a person or their family.

Police also went to Tynes' apartment on Tower Road in Halifax and seized items including 1,834 rounds of ammunition and multiple guns.

He was also charged with unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon, related to an overcapacity cartridge magazine.

A tentative trial date of June 6 has been set for those charges. Tynes has been living in Truro with his father on conditions.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

+ NEXT IN COURT

Stephen Tynes' next scheduled court appearance is May 3.



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DISABILITIES

Man frustrated about attacks over accessible parking access



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When Dan Trivett read the note on his windshield accusing him of being disrespectful by parking in an accessible spot, it was the final straw.

The Halifax man is speaking out on behalf of people like himself who have invisible illnesses and face verbal abuse for using the accessible parking spaces to which they're entitled. He said it's an issue he faces almost daily.

"I get glares, or people sneer at me or talk (rudely to) me because I don't walk with a cane, I don't have a walker, I'm not a hunched over senior, I don't have an obvious disability," Trivett said.

"I'm a person who outwardly looks relatively normal but I do have a limp. I have a lot of hardware in my leg and that note on my windshield p—d me off. It was the last straw."

Trivett was parked outside a Bayers Lake store on Tuesday night and emerged to find the note tucked under his wiper blade. "I saw you walking. You seem to walk fine. Show some respect," the note stated.

Trivett has had 16 knee operations and three knee replacements since 1996, the year he was hit by a car while cycling in New York City.

His right kneecap was removed in 1998. The next year, at the age of 32, he had his first knee replacement. Not only did he have no kneecap, there was no cartilage left.

"Every step I take hurts me... just because a person doesn't



Dan Trivett uses handicapped spots legally, and is tired of the rude attitude from the general public. JEFF HARPER/METRO
Inset: An x-ray of Dan Trivett's knee. CONTRIBUTED



Don't judge a book by its cover is kind of where I'm hoping to go with this. I want to educate people.

Dan Trivett

look sick doesn't mean they're not," he said.

Trivett said people need to step back and think twice because there are many people dealing with illnesses that aren't obvious.

"If I see someone parked in a spot with a handicapped pass I don't question them because I think it might be for their parent or something," he said.

"Yes, they might be abusing it. But I'm not going to question them because you never know. They might have a kidney problem or a back issue, or anything else."

Trivett stressed he isn't looking for sympathy because he considers himself lucky to be able to walk. He hopes able-bodied people will think twice before parking in accessible parking spaces just because they're closer to the door.

He also wants people to think twice before jumping to conclusions.

"Don't judge a book by its cover is kind of where I'm hoping to go with this. I want to educate people," he said.

"Maybe whoever left this note for me will see this and maybe they'll actually think next time."



EASTER WEEKEND

What's open, what's closed

If you haven't finished your Easter shopping, you'd better get hopping because time is running out.

Both Good Friday and Easter Sunday are designated retail closing days in Nova Scotia.

Grocery stores, malls and NSLC outlets will be closed on both those days.

Halifax Transit buses will be on holiday schedules on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Ferries will not be running. Buses and ferries will run on normal schedules on Saturday and Monday.

HRM is reminding residents there will be no collection of garbage, organics or recyclables on Good Friday.

Curbside collection normally scheduled for Friday will take place on Saturday, March 26.

Collection could begin as early as 7 a.m., so residents should place materials curbside the evening before to ensure pick-up.

The Otter Lake landfill will be also closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, but open for regular hours on Saturday and Monday.

The Household Special Waste Depot will be closed Saturday, March 26, and will reopen Saturday, April 2.

All municipally-owned recreation facilities will also be closed on Easter Sunday.

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BUREAUCRACY

Good Robot Brewing Co. learns rules the hard way

The guys at Halifax's Good Robot Brewing Co. thought they had a great marketing idea: give out condoms featuring their company's misfit-robot logo, along the lines of the company's similar matchbooks and rolling papers.

So they called up a U.S. supplier and ordered 100 for about \$200. This week, though, they discovered to their amusement that you need a licence to import condoms.

Good Robot co-founder Joshua Council answered a few questions about his experience on Wednesday:

Where did you get the idea for this?

We do a lot of drinking here, so most of the really funny or good stuff comes out of those sessions. We actually have a document called Market Ideas and Drunk

“We know people are going to fool around, so they might as well stay safe.”
Joshua Council

Thoughts.

You go to a lot of shady bars and for some reason they have condom dispensary machines, but you never see any kind of bars you actually want to hang out at that have them. And it makes this really kind of taboo thing for some reason when really it's pretty positive.

How did you go about trying to find a supplier?

We had a Valentine's event here called Sex Machine with sex toy bingo and sex therapist talks, and even though it was sort of a laugh one of the themes was practising safe sex. So we tried to get the condoms in time for that.

Unfortunately, we got this notification this week from Health Canada which mentioned two regulations that we were apparently violating.

It had something to do with importing a medical device and distributing a medical device without a licence to do so. I didn't know condoms were considered a medical device, considering you can get them over the counter anywhere.

What did you think of that?

This was just supposed to be a light-hearted joke to make our followers laugh, and it bit us in the ass.

It is a bit of a different approach to marketing.

There's so much that happens here in the run of a day that we never fully think through all our ideas, which is part of the reason we get in trouble quite a bit.

But to me, it's just a natural fit — there is a culture with the drinking lifestyle.

We know people are going to fool around, so they might as well stay safe.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Joshua Council, co-founder of Good Robot Brewing Co. in Halifax, says the branded condoms they ordered from the U.S. as a marketing gimmick were seized as medical devices.

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Johanna Dean's twin sister Julie Dean holds a ghost bike near where her sister was killed in an accident in 2014. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Side guards could save lives: Mason

SAFETY

City councillor wants a 5-year plan to outfit Halifax trucks



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A Halifax councillor was "frustrated" to see staff recommend against side guards on city trucks and he's asking for the project go ahead.

Coun. Wayne Mason said side guards have been proven in preventing fatalities similar to those that have happened in Halifax,

which is why he's tabling a motion Thursday at Transportation Standing Committee that new Halifax Regional Municipality trucks be required to have them, and create a five-year plan to phase them in.

A staff report recommended against side guards because it would mean adding about \$400,000 to this year's budget, but offered no "good" alternatives, Mason said.

"It's not written in a problem-solving way," Mason said.

Since HRM renews trucks and contract vehicles like garbage trucks every eight years, it wouldn't cost much to ensure the fleet all has side guards in the future, Mason said.

Side guards cover the gap be-



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Ben Wedge, Halifax Cycling Coalition

tween a truck's front and rear wheels, and prevent cyclists or pedestrians from getting swept underneath. They are mandatory on most large trucks in Europe and Japan but are not required in North America, the report said.

Ben Wedge, chair of the Halifax Cycling Coalition, said in-

stallation right away is ideal but they would be happy with a phased-in approach.

Although the report outlined data from the UK showing the guards helped reduce cyclist fatalities by 61 per cent and pedestrian fatalities by 20 per cent in side-impact crashes since 1986, and Ontario's chief coroner has called for the devices, Transport Canada hasn't supported them.

There have been four people killed by a truck in Halifax over the last 15 years who could have survived if side guards were on the trucks they hit, Wedge said, including Johanna Dean in 2014, Jaclyn Hennessey, Michael Brooker, and Corey Mock in 2001.

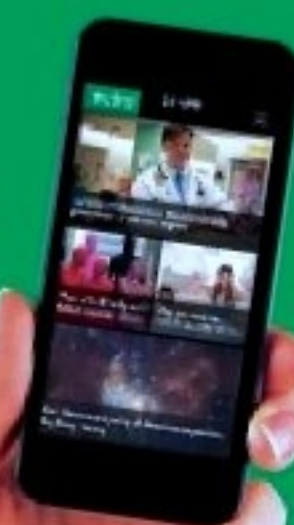
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Francine Deschepper and Alex Purdy run through a scene of *Creepy and Little Manson*, an upcoming Eastern Front Theatre production about the young Charles Manson. JEFF HARPER / METRO

Play portrays a young serial killer

THEATRE

Eastern Front to premiere *Creepy and Little Manson*

Brenlee Brothers
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In the eyes of Michael Melski, no one is born evil.

As an award-winning writer and director from Cape Breton, Melski has spent the past four years developing the world premiere of *Creepy and Little Manson*.

The one story about Charles Manson that hasn't been told is how he turned into the monster we all know him as, Melski said Wednesday.

"This is a story that shows him at a time well before the murders, when he was at a crossroads, when he could have gone either way," he said during a break from rehearsal.

The play begins with young Charlie Manson and Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, a Canadian gangster who Manson met during 1961, in prison after forging a federal cheque worth \$37.50.

"All the changes that are happening on the streets in the '60s are also happening within the prison. And Charlie, being the impressionable soul that he was, was impacted by those," he said.

For Karpis, little Charlie becomes the son he never had. He tries to guide him in the right way, but when he realizes what Charlie is — and what he could be — he has to make a decision.

"That ultimately becomes the key choice of the play," Melski said.

With moments of violence, the play also has a lot of dark comedy.

"As Charlie starts to become what he would ultimately become, the story becomes less humorous, but no less compelling," Melski said.

"It's so touching, I never

+ TICKETS

The play, presented by Eastern Front Theatres, will premiere March 31, 7:30 p.m., at Neptune's Scotiabank Studio Theatre. Adult tickets are \$25, while students and seniors get in for \$20. Parental guidance is advised for younger viewers.

thought I would be moved by a story like this," he said.

Nineteen-year-old Alex Purdy of Truro plays the role of Little Charles Manson.

Every day is a roller coaster when you're acting as a serial killer, Purdy said.

In the play, Charlie says famously, "We all have dangerous emotions."

"I think that really rings true. We all have this kind of dark side, so to explore that is definitely something new," Purdy said.

JOBS

Workers in shock over closure

The union representing employees at the Saputo Inc. dairy production facility in Sydney said they didn't see a closure announcement coming.

The Saputo dairy product facility in Sydney, licensed under the Scotsburn name, will close on June 30. The Montreal-based dairy processor and cheese maker made the announcement on Tuesday. Two other plants in Ottawa and Princeville, Que., will also shut down

production.

The Sydney plant is responsible for making milk, sour cream, coffee cream, ice cream mix and plastic milk jugs.

Some of the 100 employees have spent their entire career there, said Unifor Local 198 president Keith Grosset, himself a 34-year employee working as a forklift operator.

"It was such a sudden announcement that people are mostly in shock and are still

trying to absorb what's going to take place with them in the near future," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

"I think the most senior person here has 42 years. There are probably 20 people who have 20 years of service or more."

The company broke the news to employees on Tuesday afternoon. In a statement, Saputo said the move was needed to cut costs and boost efficiency.

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Franklin exhibit opens

HERITAGE

Museum's 3-year display highlights 1845 expedition

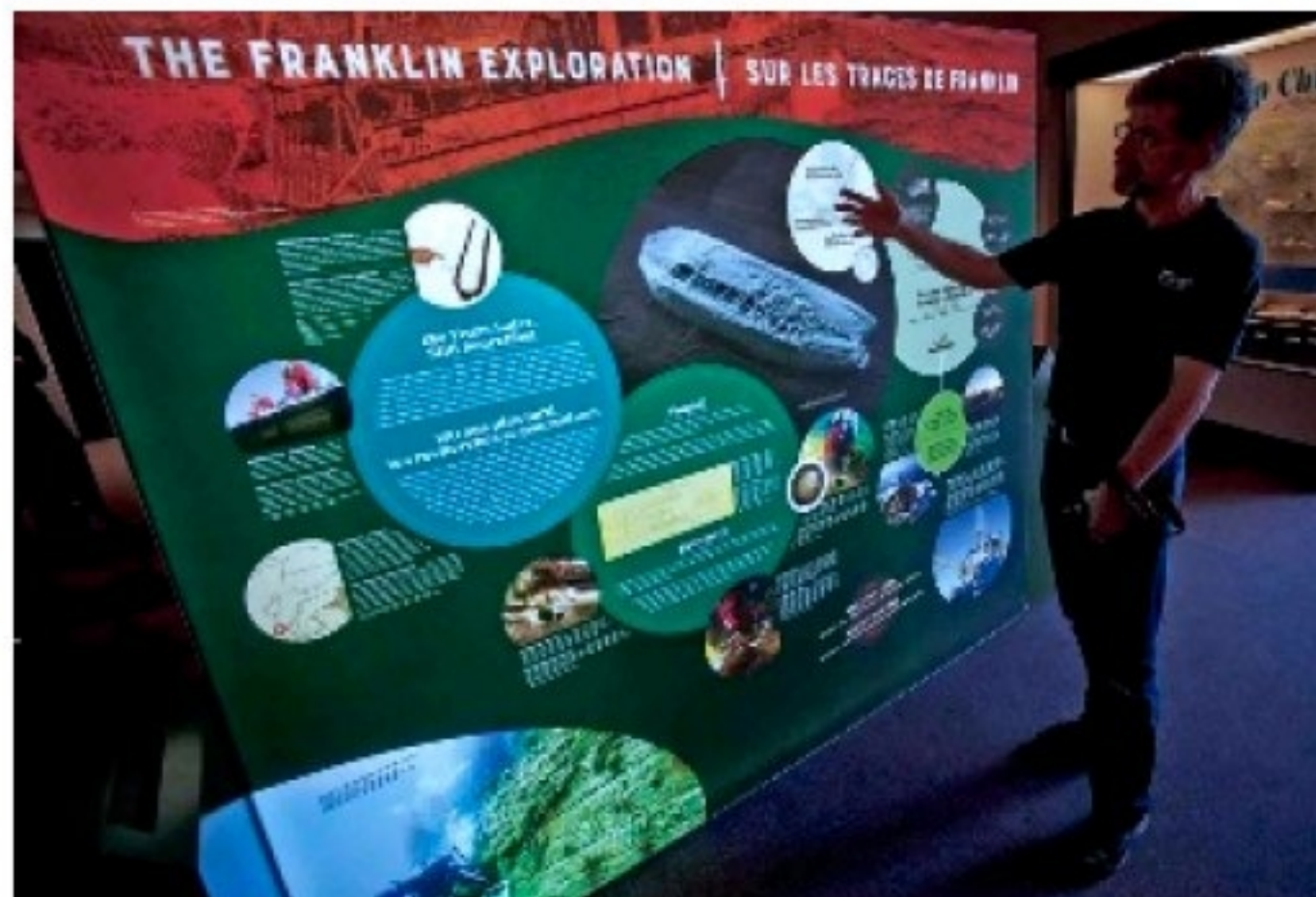
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The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax has launched the Franklin Exploration Exhibit, which highlights the 1845 Franklin Expedition along with the discovery of Her Majesty's Ship, Erebus.

"The launch of this three-year exhibition is happening across the country," museum general manager Kim Reinhardt said Wednesday.

As Halifax is home to the Royal Canadian Navy, "I think it's fair to say that Nova Scotians may feel a particular heightened sense of connection with the Franklin Story," Reinhardt said.

Museum director Stephanie Smith provided a brief over-



The historical attraction, held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, is one of 10 that opened across the country Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

view of the exhibit Wednesday.

The small, unassuming exhibit is more than meets the eye, Smith said.

It will look the same at

every location, but every three months, the panels will change as new information becomes available.

"Right across the country,

we have 10 museums (that) are doing the very same thing," she said.

There is a digital component in both English and French that

will change as well.

"I think it's wonderful that we're taking a story that is so meaningful to so many Canadians, the Franklin Expedition story, and giving a regional, local perspective," Smith said.

"We'll have a lot to talk about in months to come."

For the past four years, the Royal Canadian Navy has provided crew members for underwater searching, at-post discovery, logistic support to the underwater ice diving and has sent ships to the Victoria Strait to do underwater research.

Cmdr. Peter Koch was an instrumental planner in the Navy's portion of the search for the Franklin wreck.

"I think we've gained a great benefit out of our interaction so far with the efforts with discovery Franklin's expedition," Koch said.



We'll have a lot to talk about in months to come.

Stephanie Smith

ENTERTAINMENT

Music, beer on tap at fest

Pictou Lodge is brewing up a good time.

The local beach resort has announced the line-up for the third annual Northumberfest in June, which features Old Man Luedecke, Tj King Band and Leah and Kyle.

The event has been a sell-out both years, general manager Wes Surret said, and they're hoping for another.

"Music and beer, it just makes good sense, right?" he said about why it's popular.

He notes that while they often pull in a good crowd for talented entertainment, local beer adds something extra into the mix.

He said the craft beer scene is "hot and is always growing" and incorporates a local focus into the party.

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Municipality set for seasonal cleanup

SPRING

Neighbourhood parking restrictions about to start



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

The city is set for some "intense" spring cleaning, the municipality says.

The annual cleanup across Halifax Regional Municipality starts in early April. Park staff will empty garbage cans and pick up debris in public spaces, road operations workers will sweep and wash sidewalks, while vacuum street sweepers and tandem boom trucks will hit the roads.

Crews will start with the core areas of Halifax, Dartmouth and

Bedford, then move outward, according to an HRM news release issued Wednesday.

Parking restrictions for street cleaning within the peninsula will start April 11.

Residents are asked to check signs to see when they will need to park off-street while their neighbourhood is being serviced. Cars may be ticketed if they are in the way during street cleaning, the release said.

"Residents are encouraged to help out this spring by organizing a neighbourhood cleanup or simply picking up litter and debris in and around their own property," the release said.

"Litter or garbage on private property is the responsibility of the property owner and should be properly sorted and prepared for curbside collection."

City crews and additional contractors will also be out to repair any damage done by snow-clearing equipment over the winter, the release said.



Dusty streets during last year's spring cleanup. JEFF HARPER/METRO

POLICE

Man tried to pick up 12-year-old girl

Halifax police are looking for a suspicious man who approached a preteen girl and offered her a ride — not just once, but twice — on Tuesday evening.

The 12-year-old was walking in the area of Windmill Road and Jamieson Street in Dartmouth at about 5:45 p.m. when the suspect pulled up next to her, "smiled and waved and asked her if she needed a ride somewhere," Halifax Regional Police said in a news release issued Wednesday.

The girl kept walking, but a short time later the man pulled up beside her on Hester Street, again asking if she needed a ride.

She refused again, police said in the release.

A man the girl knows saw the second incident and asked her "if everything was all right."

That's when the suspicious man drove away, turning off Hester on to Jamieson Street, back in the direction of Windmill Road, police said.

The suspicious man was described as white, between 40 and 60 years old with short red hair, possibly a medium-length grey beard with a patch of red at the bottom and is missing some teeth.

He was wearing a camouflage baseball cap, a red plaid shirt with black stripes and jeans. He was driving a newer black Dodge Ram truck, the release said.

Police want the man, or anyone with information about the case, to call them at 902-490-5020 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

KRISTIN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



He smiled and waved and asked her if she needed a ride somewhere.

Halifax Police news release

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Estabrooks Community Hall, 4408 St. Margaret's Bay Rd.	
April 2	3-6 p.m.
Prospect Road Community Centre, 2141 Prospect Rd.	
April 4	6:30-9 p.m.
Auburn High School, 300 Auburn Dr., Cole Harbour	
April 5	6-8:30 p.m.
Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre & Cultural Centre, 12390 Hwy 224 Middle Musquodoboit	
April 8	6-7:30 p.m.
Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Centre, 183 Poole Rd.	
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Missing dog found shot dead

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Yarmouth County woman grieves loss of faithful friend

Someone shot Pally, and her owner is devastated.

"Pally was my lap dog," said Debbie Roberts, a photographer who lives at the South Ohio crossroad in Yarmouth County.

"She slept with me every night. She swam with me every time I went."

At 5:30 a.m. March 19, Roberts let Pally outside, as was the routine. Typically, her pet was outside for only about 10 minutes before she barked to come back in.

"It was cold out and she hadn't been fed yet, so I didn't expect her to be gone long," said Roberts.

But Pally never came back. Her owner says she thought she may have caught the scent of a bunny and "gone for a wander."

By 6:15, Roberts grabbed a flashlight and went searching around the property and along



Debbie Roberts believes her dog was shot on her South Ohio Cross Road property. DEBBIE ROBERTS/CONTRIBUTED/TC MEDIA

the road out front.

An hour later, Roberts had to leave for work at the Yarmouth YMCA. She left the sunroom door open for Pally's return.

Roberts worked until noon and then went home. As she drove up her driveway she expected the little dog to come

"I miss her terribly. This is like losing a kid."

Debbie Roberts,
Pally's owner

flying out of the sunroom to greet her.

"I noticed a lump on the side of the driveway and I stopped. It was her."

"I didn't see a mark on her, just some blood on her feet. I turned her over and there were holes near the top of her

back," said Roberts.

She didn't report the incident that day, as she was doubtful that anything could be done.

After friends urged her to contact police, she called the Yarmouth County RCMP on Monday.

+ LONE INCIDENT

Const. Kayla Landry of the Yarmouth County detachment, says there have been no other reports of pets being shot in the vicinity.

Roberts doesn't know where Pally was when she was shot.

When she took Pally's body to the RCMP, they directed her to a veterinarian, where it was determined the dog had been shot.

Five years ago, Roberts adopted Pally from a foster home that had taken her in because the original owner was threatening to shoot the dog.

"I wanted her to have some good last years of her life," said Roberts.

"I miss her terribly. This is like losing a kid. I really can't fathom why anybody would want to do such a thing."

Roberts added that, although her outlook on life is generally sunny, things like this make it hard to keep a good outlook sometimes. TC MEDIA

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Some skeptical on EU ban

LOBSTERS

Sweden wants to classify N.A. lobsters as a foreign species

North American scientists are denying Sweden's claim that an all-out trade ban is needed to head off an invasion of eastern North American lobsters, a move that would rob the Canadian industry of a multi-million dollar market.

Last week, Sweden's Environment Ministry petitioned the European Union to list the American lobster as a foreign species, which would prohibit U.S. and Canadian imports of live lobsters to its 28 member states.

The move would pose a major threat to Canada's East Coast fishery which imported about \$75 million in live lobster to European markets last year, a figure that the Lobster Council of Canada says accounts for about 10 per cent of live exports.

Boris Worm, a marine conservation biologist at Dalhousie



A fisherman checks his traps near the McNabs Island Lighthouse in 2013. JEFF HARPER/METRO

University in Halifax, said the onus is on Sweden to justify a move that would weigh heavily on the North American industry.

"I've never heard of lobster being invasive anywhere, really," said Worm. "Things get introduced all the time and only a few (marine) species that

“Scientifically it's hard to gauge what kind of risk this may in reality pose ...

Name of person

get introduced actually become invasive, meaning they become a real threat.”

Worm said lobster stocks in the northwest Atlantic are very healthy in comparison to the European lobster, which is a different species.

He said from that perspective he understands why Swed-

ish authorities might be concerned by anything they think may pose a threat, adding that North American officials would do the same if stocks weren't as healthy.

However, Worm said the science is inconclusive at this point.

“Scientifically it's hard to gauge what kind of risk this may in reality pose if you don't know how many lobsters have been released,” he said.

An official with Sweden's Environment Minister did not immediately respond to requests for an interview.

A risk assessment study conducted by the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management says small numbers of American lobster (*Homarus americanus*) have been found since 1988 off Great Britain, Norway and Sweden.

The report says 32 have been found off Sweden's west coast between 2008 and 2015, with one of the larger concentrations found in the Gullmar fiord in 2014. Of the 19 caught that year, one female was found with genetically confirmed hybrid eggs indicating cross-breeding between species. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JUSTICE

Man given court dates in murder trial

A 25-year-old Glace Bay man awaiting trial on a charge of second-degree murder was also ordered to trial Wednesday on charges including intimidation of a witness.

Accused murderer Morgan MacNeil left the Sydney Justice Centre to return to a federal prison after being committed to stand trial on charges including intimidation of a witness and given a plea date on charges including sexual assault.

He is scheduled to stand trial in September on a charge of second-degree murder.

MacNeil is scheduled to appear in Supreme Court on April 4 to receive a trial date. He has elected to be tried by Supreme Court judge alone.

He is also scheduled to stand trial in September in connection with the May 2012 murder of Laura Catherine Jessome, 21, of Bras d'Or, whose body was found inside a hockey bag along the shores of the Mira River in Marion Bridge.

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BUDGET

Nova Scotia child benefit to remain unchanged

Nova Scotia says it will keep its own child benefit intact after the federal government announced a new Canada Child Benefit in Tuesday's budget in Ottawa.

Premier Stephen McNeil

says he welcomes the Canada Child Benefit, which will replace both the Canada child tax benefit and the universal child care benefit, but will continue with its expanded provincial benefit.

He says his government

expanded the Nova Scotia Child Benefit so that 1,300 more children could be covered by the program.

McNeil says having both the federal and provincial programs will mean more support for the kids and families that need it most.

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FERRY SERVICE

Trucking industry frets at uncertainty

A delay by Bay Ferries in announcing the type of vessel it plans on using for the Nova Scotia-to-New England ferry service this summer is causing concern in the trucking industry, says the executive director for the Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association (APTA).

"We need to know what type of ferry will operate this summer so trucking companies can actually plan their operations."

"But also, customers need to know the transit times of their goods also so they can plan as well," said Jean-Marc Picard.

"Whether it's good, bad or non-existent we need to be informed on the situation."

The APTA promotes the trucking industry in Atlantic Canada through the lobbying of issues affecting the industry and the development of services and products for about 300 member

companies.

The provincial government — opting not to continue with Nova Star Cruises — announced last October that Bay Ferries was the preferred candidate to operate ferry service between Nova Scotia and Maine.

At that time it said the company had 45 days to find a vessel.

Months have passed since that deadline.

On March 10, Transporta-

tion minister Geoff MacLellan said that Bay Ferries is "working very closely on a vessel" and that the province and the company are in contract negotiations.

Progressive Conservative MLA for Argyle-Barrington Chris d'Entremont said this week he wants MacLellan to confirm the Yarmouth ferry being considered will accommodate transport trucks.

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Oaken Barrel Public House owners Dean Mrkic and Jennifer Delorey are being celebrated for voluntarily removing the video lottery terminals (VLTs) from their establishment. TC MEDIA

Pub owners say adieu to gambling

BUSINESS

Relaxation trumps the added revenue, duo decides

Oaken Barrel Public House owners Dean Mrkic and Jennifer Delorey are willing to take a chance on a business model that doesn't revolve around revenue from video lottery terminals (VLTs).

"A lot of businesses use it as a crutch," said Mrkic.

The duo decided they didn't want their pub, located in the former Top Hat Tavern building behind the Greenwood Mall, to be one of those businesses.

"This is a new spot where me and Jenn want people to relax, be themselves and be ready for an energetic atmosphere with good food and live music."

Mrkic used to manage Celtic Corner in Dartmouth, and Delorey worked there.

Drawing from experience, they believe running a successful pub is all about giving the community a place to socialize.

"If people can't associate themselves with a local spot

to get away and that's their own place to relax and get out of the house, then I feel bad for that community," said Mrkic.

The Kingston and Greenwood Community Health Board hosted a celebration event at the Oaken Barrel this week to commend the owners for voluntarily removing VLTs from the establishment.

"Their awareness around the resulting loss of revenue is a strong show of integrity," said Dwyer.

VLTs, Dwyer said, can result in serious gambling addictions that have ripple effects throughout the community.

"Those addictions are very hard to treat," she said, noting that problem gambling can result in income or job loss, marital and family problems, neglect and serious health complications.

Kings Community Action Group on Gambling spokesman Bruce Dienes, a sociologist, warned that people do not know enough about VLTs to properly weigh the risks.

"The psychologists and the engineers who designed the machines recognize that every time you take a risk it releases dopamine to the brain, which triggers the pleasure centres," Dienes said. TC MEDIA

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THINGS TO DO IN HALIFAX THIS WEEKEND

The long Easter weekend means egg hunts and lots of family events across the region, as well as theatre, a music tribute, two Halifax Hurricane games and a FANFIT challenge for those who want to unleash their inner pro-athlete.



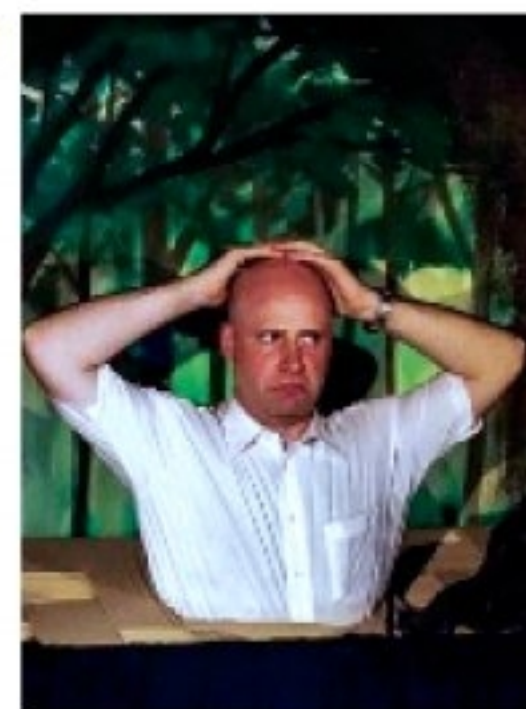
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1 **Easter egg hunts**

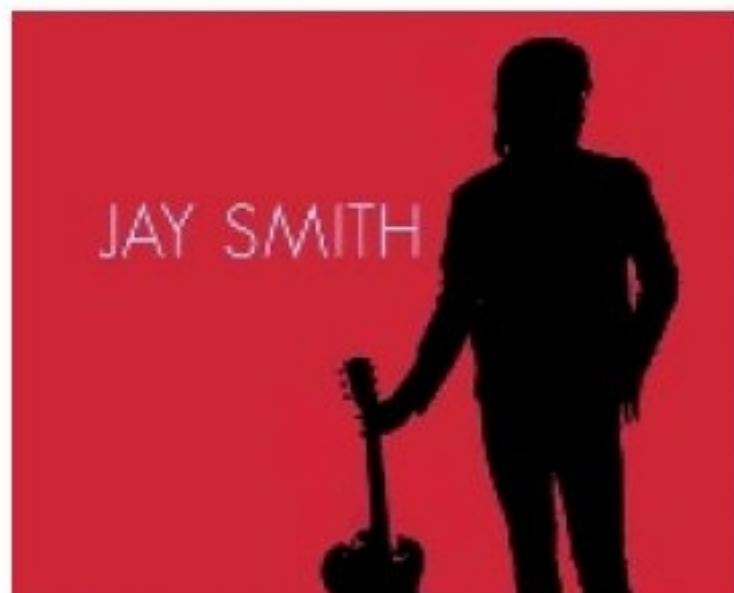
Hop into fun with the Easter Egg Hunt at Hatfield Farm including wagon rides and children's zip line Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$14.99 advance only. Other hunts include a free Halikids one in Victoria Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Mic Mac Mall at 9, 10, 11 a.m. and noon Saturday with \$5 tickets, and Fall River's Vegetarium Farm Market on Saturday at 11 a.m. where 3,000 are hidden along trails of McDonald Sports Park with the Easter Bunny on hand for photos.

2 **Re-Fringed**

Those looking for unique theatre this weekend can check out Re-Fringed at The Bus Stop Theatre, a mini-festival with some of the best shows from The 2015 Atlantic Fringe Festival last fall. Shows start 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and 2 p.m. onwards on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 per show.

5 **Event to honour Jay Smith**

A Celebration of the Life and Music of Jay Smith will be held over two nights at The Carleton on Thursday at 8 p.m. and Friday at 9 p.m., nearly three years after the guitarist took his own life. Funds raised will go to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia and Unison Benevolent Fund. Tickets are \$30.

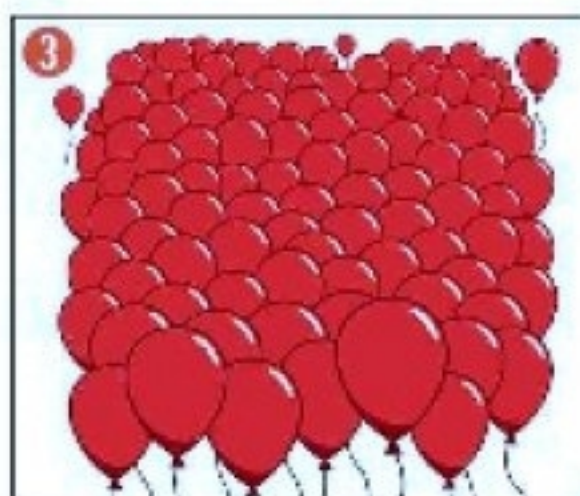
4 **Hurricane basketball (Thursday and Sunday)**

Sports fans have two upcoming chances to catch the Halifax Hurricanes in action at the Scotiabank Centre. The team plays the Saint John Mill Rats Thursday at 7 p.m., and on Sunday against the Island Storm at 2 p.m.

3 **FANFIT**

Those looking for a challenge can check out FANFIT, Canada's Olympic Fitness Challenge. It's an event with five challenging yet non-technical exercises for a full body workout alongside top Olympic/Paralympic and aspiring athletes like Ellie Black, Karen Furneaux and Hugh Smith at the Canada Games Centre 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday. Register or join a team at fanfit.ca.

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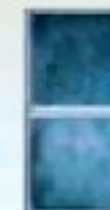


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A 'gaping hole' in Liberal fiscal plan

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Grits forced to defend lack of schedule for nixing deficit

One day after the Liberals tabled an inaugural budget packed with new spending, the government found itself on the defensive over the lack of a firm plan to eventually eliminate billions in looming deficits.

The Liberal budget projected \$113.2 billion in red ink over the next five years, due in large part to increased funding in numerous areas. On the other side of the balance sheet, however, there was no indication of when, how or if the budget might eventually be balanced.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Finance Minister Bill Morneau began the process of selling their fiscal plan — and found themselves defending the lack of solid fiscal targets.

Pressed on the issue during a Radio-Canada interview, Trudeau maintained that the objective of the budget was not “to reach some mathematical balance” but to provide “optimism and trust” to Canadians.

Morneau later said the government’s goal “is to get to a balanced budget over approximately five years — depending on how much economic growth the Liberal blueprint generates.”

Both men argued that some of the budget’s biggest spending, such as on infrastructure and the revamped multibillion-dollar Canada child benefit, would generate much-needed growth and eventually balance the books.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau shakes hands with Minister Bill Morneau after his budget speech. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

“Our priority right now is to make those investments that can make a difference,” said Morneau.

The Liberal numbers also include a \$6-billion adjustment for risk, which could ultimately help the government beat low fiscal expectations and balance the books even earlier than forecast.

Experts like former parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page called the budget’s lack of formal targets “a major, strategic failure” for the government.

“It was just a gaping hole.... You can’t have a budget without a fiscal plan,” said Page.

The government doesn’t necessarily have to set a timetable to rebalance the budget, Page said, but big-ticket spending carries with it a responsibility to explain where the money is going to come from. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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■ **\$29.4 billion** — projected federal budget deficit in 2016-17

■ **\$8.4 billion** — spending on Indigenous Affairs, including education and water quality

■ **\$1.15 billion** — increase to Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors

■ **\$11.9 billion** — new infrastructure spending over five years

■ **\$3.74 billion** — new, tweaked tax measures aimed at the middle class and families with children

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Big spend still neglects First Nations children, critics say

The federal government is determined to overhaul the First Nations child-welfare system, Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett says — even as critics focused on the issue say the budget fell well short of what’s needed.

It’s also necessary to increase capacity so child-welfare services can be properly delivered and controlled by First Nations themselves, Bennett said.

“We are very interested in working together to have less children in foster care, get children back to their communities.”

Advocate Cindy Blackstock

has a different assessment of the government’s level of funding, which includes an initial outlay of \$71 million in 2016-17.

As president of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, Blackstock spent nearly a decade fighting the federal government over what has long been characterized as the perpetual underfunding of reserve care.

On Tuesday, despite a multibillion-dollar federal budget windfall for indigenous people, including First Nations education, infrastructure and social housing, Blackstock assailed the government for failing to

spend the needed \$200 million on indigenous child welfare services this year.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde also urged the government to ensure the money flows for child welfare.

“We’ve got to take what is there now and get it out as soon as possible,” Bellegarde said.

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Ghomeshi judge seen as strict, fair

TRIAL

Has a history of finding reasonable doubt: Lawyer

The man tasked with deciding the fate of former CBC star Jian Ghomeshi has a history of finding reasonable doubt in cases with more conclusive evidence than what was presented at his sexual assault trial.

Justice William Horkins presided over the courtroom where defence lawyers hammered away at the three women who accused Ghomeshi of sexual assault. Defence lawyer Marie Henein and her team delivered devastating cross-examination, highlighting gaps in their memories and presenting photos or letters that cast doubt on their credibility.

Horkins' past rulings suggest a rigid adherence to the concept of reasonable doubt. He dismissed charges against a sexual assault suspect in 2008 despite DNA evidence suggesting contact took place and an account that the judge himself described as resembling a "schoolboy's fantasy."

Even in cases where he has shown support for prosecution arguments, Horkins has been known to be strict in his interpretation of the law.

A 2013 decision saw him lambaste the Toronto Police Service for their practice of conducting arbitrary street checks against citizens and rule that the practice — known as carding — violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but still find that a gun procured during one of those checks was admissible in a

criminal trial. That gun was later used to convict the defendant.

Lawyers who have argued cases before Horkins say that degree of fine detail is typical of a judge with a reputation for being both meticulous and fair.

"He's very detached, very business-oriented in the sense that he comes to work prepared and expects you to be prepared," said criminal defence lawyer Corben Cawkell with Hicks Adams in Toronto. "The phrase 'doesn't suffer fools lightly' is often used."

Fairness lies at the heart of his general reputation in legal cir-

cles, according to both Cawkell and another lawyer who has argued in front of him who wished not to be named.

That fairness, Cawkell argued, has already been displayed at the Ghomeshi trial when Horkins denied the media's request to view a provocative photo of one of the Crown's witnesses clad in a bikini. In doing so, Horkins referenced the court's role as a "gatekeeper" and the "societal interest" in protecting the privacy of sexual assault complainants.

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JIM HILLYER

Leaders mourn Alberta MP

A day that normally would have seen parliamentarians pulling out their sharpest partisan darts was instead replaced Wednesday by a rare coming-together of MPs after the sudden death of Alberta Conservative MP Jim Hillier.

The 41-year-old died in his office after returning to Ottawa this week following surgery to treat an infection in his leg.

He came back for the Liberal budget on Tuesday, but what should have been the first day of debate on it was instead deferred to honour Hillyer's life and work.

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose wiped away tears as she rose, referring to Hilmyer as a colleague and friend with a

 POPULAR

Hillyer was first elected to the House of Commons in 2011 for the Lethbridge riding, a seat he won easily, and was re-elected in a landslide last fall in the new riding of Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner.

goofy sense of humour who used his determination to champion causes including cancer advocacy and justice system reform.

"When you talked to Jim, it was like talking to a neighbour. It was clear he loved his life, he loved his wife, he loved his com-

munity and he loved his job."

She described him as a dedicated husband and father and a man of strong faith and conviction.

A bouquet of red roses sat on his desk in the chamber Wednesday as leaders rose to pay tribute.

Among those who admitted to not knowing him well was Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who Hillyer once called "Pierre Trudeau's pompous parliamentary prince."

Trudeau said Wednesday there was a lesson to be learned from Hillyer's death — that MPs should spend more time getting to know one another.

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Former CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi arrives at a Toronto court on Feb. 10. **Ghomeshi returns to court Thursday.**

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Veterinarian Dr. Mike Higgins examines Cassidy, an eight-month-old rescue cat with no rear legs. She will soon be fitted with artificial leg implants. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pussy will prowl with prosthetics

VANCOUVER

Rescued kitten to be fitted out with blades as back limbs

When a deformed feral kitten was discovered on a rural property in Langley, B.C., Cassidy the cat's rescuer says he was scooting around on his front legs with his bum in the air like a "reverse velociraptor."

The nine-week-old tabby, missing both hind legs, will soon be fitted with artificial leg implants in a groundbreaking procedure.

"Definitely this is cutting-edge technology," said Dr. Mike Higgins, a neurologist with Canada West Veterinary Specialists.

"We're learning a lot from human medicine that is translating into animals."

The black-and-white kitten received Botox injections at the Vancouver animal hospital on Wednesday as preparation for attaching prosthetic blades to his back limbs. The procedure will be the first of its kind in the world on a cat, Higgins said.

Cassidy was rescued by Shelly Roche, who believes the kitten may have lost its legs as a result of its mother chewing to free its body from a knotted umbilical cord at birth.

The cost of his rehabilitation has been \$10,000, she said, though the Vancouver vets offered their services pro bono.

Another specialist is already working with the animal to make a 3D-printed model for the prostheses. The surgery will take place at North Carolina State University in Raleigh in two to four months, when Cassidy is close to being fully grown.

The American surgeon has



Shelly Roche with Cassidy.

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unique experience in remedying cats and dogs with congenital malformations, Higgins said.

The blade device is advanced because its design conforms more naturally to the limbs, allowing more normal movement, he said. Similar models are already in use by people, he added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Man faces three new animal cruelty charges

Chatham-Kent Police have laid three new charges in connection with an alleged dogfighting ring in southwestern Ontario.

Robert Tomlin, 32, of Kent Bridge, Ont. is facing those charges, and has also been charged with seven offences under the Dog Owners' Liability Act for allegedly owning pit bulls — which are banned in Ontario.

The animals were seized in early March.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Little tantrum has big consequences

A Toronto woman who pitched two cups of coffee at a man who confronted her for parking in a handicapped parking spot outside a Tim Hortons has received a police warning after a video of the incident garnered international attention.

Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash said Wednesday the videographer, Ryan Favro, had declined to press a criminal complaint but officers still paid a visit to the woman.

Favro, in the interim, removed

his YouTube video — shot Monday — which has been viewed more than a million times and shared by tens of thousands.

"I don't want to grind this woman into the ground," Favro says. "There has to be a way for her to recover."

The video, still widely available, sparked howls of social media outrage. Favro, however, said some of the comments directed at the woman, who appears to be in her 20s, went too far. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Two attackers identified
Ibrahim and Khalid El Bakraoui have been identified by a Belgian prosecutor as two of the bombers who killed more than 30 people in Brussels on Tuesday. Elder brother Ibrahim, 29, blew himself up at the airport. Khalid, 27, detonated his bomb at the Maelbeek subway station.



Khalid El Bakraoui, left, and Ibrahim El Bakraoui.
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Brussels linked to Paris attacks in November

The suspected bombmaker in the Paris attacks in November was one of two suicide bombers who targeted the Brussels airport, officials said Wednesday, in a new sign that both attacks are linked to the same cell of Daesh.

Woman in attacks photo is Indian flight attendant

A woman sitting bloodied and dazed just moments after the Brussels airport bombings was one of the most haunting images from the attacks. The woman has been identified as Nidhi Chaphekar, a Jet Airways flight attendant from Mumbai. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nidhi Chaphekar
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Soldiers control passers by in Brussels on Wednesday, one day after attacks on the Brussels airport and at a metro station. More than 30 people were killed in Tuesday's attack. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Bombers may have rushed terror attack

BRUSSELS

On day of mourning, details emerge on attackers

As police hunted for the surviving Brussels bomber, evidence mounted Wednesday that the same Daesh (ISIL) cell carried out the attacks in both Paris and Brussels, and that the militants may have launched this week's slaughter in haste because they feared authorities were closing in on them.

On a day of mourning across

Belgium following Tuesday's bombings of the Brussels airport and subway that killed 31 people and wounded more than 270, new information emerged about the four attackers.

■ European security officials said one of the suicide bombers was Najim Laachraoui, a Moroccan-born Belgian whom police have hunted as the suspected bombmaker in the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris that killed 130.

■ The other two suicide bombers were Belgian-born brothers, Ibrahim El Bakraoui, and younger brother Khalid, both known to the police as common criminals, not anti-Western radicals.

■ Turkish President Recep Tayyip

Erdogan said Ibrahim El Bakraoui was caught in June 2015 near Turkey's border with Syria and deported, at his own request, to the Netherlands, with Ankara warning Dutch and Belgian officials that he was a "foreign terrorist fighter." But other Turkish officials said he was released from Dutch custody due to lack of evidence of involvement in extremism.

Details of the investigation from chief prosecutor Frederic Van Leeuw pointed to a rising sense of panic among the three bombers who blew themselves up. An unidentified fourth man who was shown in airport video surveillance footage remains at

large after Van Leeuw said his suitcase bomb failed to detonate properly. Authorities say he was the man in a light jacket and hat on the far right of the video footage.

Van Leeuw said the bomb did partially explode after police had already evacuated the terminal. It injured no one.

The prosecutor said a laptop seized from a garbage can on a street outside the brothers' last known address contained a message purportedly from Ibrahim El Bakraoui that indicated he was expecting to be arrested following Friday's capture in Brussels of the suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks, Salah Abdeslam.

DAESH

400 trained to fight

Daesh has trained at least 400 fighters to target Europe in deadly waves of attacks, deploying interlocking terror cells like the ones that struck Brussels and Paris with orders to choose the time, place and method for maximum carnage, officials have told The Associated Press.

The network of agile and semi-autonomous cells shows the reach of the extremist group in Europe even as it loses ground in Syria and Iraq.

The officials, including European and Iraqi intelligence officials and a French lawmaker who follows the jihadi networks, described camps in Syria, Iraq and possibly the former Soviet bloc where attackers are trained to attack the West.

Before being killed in a police raid, the ringleader of the Nov. 13 Paris attacks claimed he had entered Europe in a multinational group of 90 fighters, who scattered "more or less everywhere."

But the biggest break yet in the Paris attacks investigation — Friday's arrest of fugitive Salah Abdeslam — did not thwart the multi-pronged attack just four days later on the Belgian capital's airport and subway that left 31 people dead and an estimated 270 wounded. Three suicide bombers also died.

Just as in Paris, Belgian authorities were searching for at least one fugitive in Tuesday's attacks — this time for a man wearing a white jacket who was seen on airport security footage with the two suicide attackers. The fear is that the man, whose identity Belgian officials say is not known, will find Abdeslam's path instructive.

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Ahmad Tarek Rashid Alam, publisher of the Arabic-language community newspaper The Arab World, comments on remarks made by Sen. Ted Cruz about Muslim Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in Belgium. GILLIAN FLACCUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Candidate's words anger U.S. Muslims

TERRORIST ATTACK ON BRUSSELS

Daesh doesn't represent Islam, advocates say

A few miles from Disneyland is a place most California tourists never see. The signs along the thoroughfare suddenly switch to Arabic script advertising hookah shops, Middle Eastern sweets, halal meat and travel services.

In Little Arabia, flags from a half-dozen Muslim countries flap in a stiff breeze. Flying above them all is a giant American flag.

After Sen. Ted Cruz called for increased surveillance of Muslims in the U.S., this Muslim community and others like it defied the Republican presidential candidate and defended their commitment to the United States. The editor of an Arabic-language newspaper said Muslims are "already part of the country, whether he likes it or not."

Inside a Lebanese eatery called Forn Al Hara, immigrants from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq debated the latest political rhetoric from the GOP candidates.

"I was born and raised here. I see myself as an American," said Omar Ghanim, 23, who grew up in Southern California with parents of Palestinian heritage. "Everything's the same between me and the rest of the Americans out there. There's nothing really different about us."

Cruz's comments on Tuesday came hours after the deadly attacks at the Brussels airport and a subway station that killed dozens of people and wounded many more. Daesh claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Ghanim said the extremist



Omar Ghanim says Islam is peaceful THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

group Daesh doesn't represent his faith.

"We're a peaceful people. We're not violent."

Cruz said Tuesday that law enforcement should be empowered to "patrol and secure Muslim neighbourhoods before they become radicalized." Echoing earlier statements from rival Donald Trump, Cruz also said the U.S. should stop the flow of refugees from countries where Daesh has a significant presence.

Muslims across the country and groups including the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the Anti-Defamation League condemned Cruz's statements. Many complained that the Islamic extremist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, and the intensifying rhetoric of the presidential campaign, have steadily ratcheted up animosity against American Muslims.

Ahmad Tarek Rashid Alam, publisher of the weekly Arab World newspaper and one of the immigrants who helped build Little Arabia, said anti-Muslim statements are "nothing new."

"This has been going on in every Islamic neighbourhood for years," he said. "But now our kids are in the police, in the Army. Are they going to watch us?"

He said Cruz's remarks seemed aimed at exploiting prejudice to get votes.

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Cruz gets Jeb Bush's endorsement

Republican Ted Cruz picked up a key endorsement Wednesday from Jeb Bush, who said their party must beat back the "the divisiveness and vulgarity" of front-running New York billionaire Donald Trump.

Bush's endorsement came after Trump won the Republican primary in Arizona on Tuesday but lost the Utah caucus to Cruz, the first-term Texas senator and ultra-conservative beacon in a race for the party's presidential nomination that has

caused a near civil war among Republicans.

Bush, once seen as the likely nominee but whose candidacy never gained momentum, tweeted Wednesday that Cruz is a "consistent, principled conservative who has shown he can unite the party." Bush added on Facebook that Republicans "must overcome the divisiveness and vulgarity Donald Trump has brought into the political arena" or risk losing to Hillary Clinton, the increasingly likely

Democratic nominee.

Clinton won in Arizona on Tuesday but lost to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in Utah and Idaho.

Both Clinton and Trump used the attacks on the Brussels airport and subway that left dozens dead as a chance to level bitter assaults on one another.

Trump, in turn, branded Clinton as "Incompetent Hillary" in an interview with Fox News as he discussed her tenure as secretary of state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

+ NOMINATION

Trump short of majority delegates needed

Trump is still short of the majority of delegates needed to clinch the nomination. But he has a path to the nomination if he continues to win states that award all or most of their delegates to the winner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Refugee protests at border, islands

MIGRANT CRISIS

Tension grows as deportation to Turkey on the horizon

Refugees and migrants in Greece staged protests Wednesday at the country's border with Macedonia and on islands near the Turkish coast, with officials still unsure when an international agreement to reduce migration will take full effect. Several hundred protesters camped out at the border disrupted food distribution by charities in the sprawling tent camp that has sprouted near the village of Idomeni and demanded the border be reopened. But some thought the protest misguided.

"I think it's wrong that they're protesting in this way. We must all get into the relocation program. It's our only solution," said Bayan al Assaf.

The 21-year-old from Syria's

pulverized city of Homs was in Idomeni with his parents, 18-year-old sister and 13-year-old brother, and hoped to get to Germany or the Netherlands.

Conditions in Idomeni, where thousands have been stranded since the border shut to refugees earlier this month, have steadily deteriorated.

On Tuesday, a young Syrian man set himself on fire during a protest there. He was hospitalized.

Small protests have also occurred at three detention camps on three Greek islands, where arrested migrants and refugees are waiting to be deported back to Turkey.

All refugees and migrants arriving in Greece are being arrested since Sunday, when the agreement between Turkey and the European Union took effect.

Human rights groups have been strongly critical of the deal. The United Nations refu-

gee agency and relief agency Doctors Without Borders, or MSF, have stopped assisting the government at registration facilities on the islands, now being used to detain refugees.

MSF's head of mission in Greece, Marie Elisabeth Ingres, said the decision was "extremely difficult."

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I think it's wrong that they're protesting in this way.

Bayan al Assaf, 21
Refugee

when the deportations would start, with outstanding legal and practical issues still to be resolved.

"It is clear that the processes are no longer ones of transit through Greece, but ones of control, and yes, that does mean that some measures are tougher," Public Order Minister Nikos Toskas said on ERT state television.

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Children make their feelings clear at a makeshift camp for migrants and refugees in a protest at the Greek-Macedonian border near the village of Idomeni Thursday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Airstrike death toll climbs

The death toll from airstrikes on the Daesh-held city of Raqqa in the past 24 hours has climbed to 55, Syrian opposition activists and Daesh said Sunday. Daesh has controlled the city in northern Syria since 2013. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-Gitmo detainees have killed Americans

U.S. officials say fewer prisoners released from Guantanamo are returning to the fight than before. But they acknowledged during congressional testimony Wednesday that Americans have been killed by released Guantanamo detainees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama aims to build trust on visit to Argentina

President Barack Obama acknowledged Wednesday that U.S. relations with Latin America's dictatorships in the 1970s damaged its image, but said he hoped the release of long-classified documents about Argentina's "Dirty war" would rebuild trust. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TURKEY

Dutch shut post after threat

The Dutch government closed its consulate-general in Istanbul Wednesday because of a "possible terror threat" and advised its citizens to avoid the area, close to the scene of a suicide bombing that killed four foreign tourists last weekend.

The ministry issued a brief statement announcing the closure, calling it a precautionary measure.

"The security of my staff and visitors ... has our highest priority," Foreign Minister Bert Koenders said in a statement.

The announcement came just days after a suicide bomber, identified as a militant with links to Daesh, targeted the

area. On Tuesday, Turkish security forces in co-operation with German intelligence detained three men suspected of planning another attack in Istanbul.

The Dutch foreign ministry said 40 staff members were evacuated following Wednesday's closure.

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Prince Harry meets burn victim Biplav Puri, 4 at Kanti Children's Hospital in Nepal. GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry rolls up sleeves in Nepal

ROYALTY

Rebuilding school badly damaged by earthquake

Britain's Prince Harry said Wednesday that he will extend his trip to Nepal by six days to help rebuild a school damaged by a devastating earthquake last year.

The 31-year-old prince said he will work with a charity group in a remote village, but would not give the location.

Harry arrived in Nepal on Saturday for an official visit and had been scheduled to stay for five days.

"The people I have met and the beauty of this country make it very hard to leave. Thankfully however, I'm not leaving just yet! I will be spending the

next six days in a remote village with a charity called Team Rubicon," Harry said. "The team I'm joining will be working with a community to rebuild a school damaged in the earthquake."

Harry has visited earthquake-damaged heritage sites, temples and a camp where people made homeless by the April 2015 earthquake are still living.

Nearly 9,000 people were killed and 1 million houses damaged by the earthquake. It also damaged Nepal's tourism industry, which drew foreign tourists to visit Hindu temples, old palaces and trek mountain trails.

Harry said he had wanted to pay his respects to the many who died, and also show that the country is "open for busi-

9,000

Approximate number of people who were killed in the April 2015 disaster.

ness and has so much to offer."

"I hope that everyone back home who took an interest in the tour can see that Nepal is a country that you really have to come and visit," he said.

According to a Kensington Palace statement, Harry will help rebuild a school where students have been studying, since the earthquake, in makeshift classrooms made of poles, tarpaulins and tin. The temporary facilities provide little defence against difficult weather conditions.

Team Rubicon is a U.S.-based disaster response group that combines the skills of military veterans with first responders. Harry served twice with the British military in Afghanistan before leaving the army in 2015.

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WATER CRISIS

State accountable for Flint

The state of Michigan is "fundamentally accountable" for Flint's lead-contaminated water crisis because of decisions made by its environmental regulators and state-appointed emergency managers who controlled the city, an investigatory task force concluded Wednesday in a withering report.

The panel, appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder, said what happened in Flint is "a story of government failure, intransigence, unpreparedness, delay, inaction, and environmental injustice." It also cited "intransigence and belligerence that has no place

in government."

"Flint water customers were needlessly and tragically exposed to toxic levels of lead and other hazards through the mismanagement of their drinking water supply," investigators said.

Flint's 2014 switch in drinking water sources led the supply to become contaminated when lead leached from old pipes and fixtures into some homes, businesses and schools. The Republican governor has repeatedly apologized for the state's role as some have called for his resignation.

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+ SHARE BLAME

The 116-page report described as "inappropriate" a frequent claim of Snyder and his representatives that the Flint water crisis represents a failure of the local, state and federal governments. That suggests "that blame is attributable equally to all three levels of government," the report said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GMO foods may be on way

PRODUCE

Retail council says there is no requirement for labelling

The organization that represents Canada's major grocery chains says it has full confidence in selling genetically engineered foods that have been approved by Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The Canadian Press asked large retail chains such as Loblaws Cos., Metro Inc., and Sobeys Inc., whether they plan to sell genetically modified produce like the Innate potato and Arctic apple and, if so, how they would be labelled. The companies referred questions to the Retail Council of Canada.

"We have confidence in the regulatory process and CFIA to ensure that (genetically engineered foods) are safe for consumption and only products that are safe for consumption are approved," said David Wilkes, senior vice-president of government relations and



Many retailers give shoppers a choice to avoid genetically engineered fruits or vegetables by purchasing organic offerings, says David Wilkes at the Retail Council of Canada. ISTOCK

grocery division for the council.

"There is no requirement for labelling at this point in time, so the government does not indicate that (genetically

engineered foods) would be labelled."

The U.S.-based J.R. Simplot Company said Monday that it was notified by Health Canada

and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency that it could sell its Innate potatoes — which purportedly are less likely to bruise or turn brown when cut.

About a year ago, Health Canada approved a similar non-browning Arctic apple developed by Summerland, B.C.-based Okanagan Specialty Fruits Inc. The fruit is not available yet because of the time it takes to grow apple trees.

Innate potatoes, meanwhile, could potentially be planted in Canada and sold as early as later this year. They have been sold in the U.S. since last May under the White Russet brand. While the packaging boasts that the potatoes have "reduced bruising and fewer black spots," there is no disclosure about the product being genetically engineered.

Lucy Sharratt, spokeswoman for the Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN), said it rankles some Canadians that special labelling isn't required.

"We're not necessarily speaking of safety issues when we're speaking of labelling. Consumers want labelling for all kinds of different reasons and in a democracy if people want information about what's in the food system, I think it's incumbent on the government to respond," said Sharratt.

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STARBUCKS

Prepaid Visa card coming

Starbucks says it will introduce a prepaid card by the end of the year that lets people earn points for its rewards program.

The Seattle-based company plans to offer the card through Chase and says people would be able to use it wherever Visa is accepted.

It's the latest move by Starbucks Corp.

to convince people to sign up for its loyalty program by giving them more ways to earn rewards "stars" outside of its cafes. The company also previously announced deals that entail selling its stars to The New York Times, Spotify and Lyft. Those companies would then distribute the stars as incentives to their own customers, Starbucks has said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Feds mull cash handout

Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains says they are taking into account the possibility Bombardier may outsource jobs when determining whether to give it \$1 billion US for its CSeries planes.

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Gaming firm's CEO charged

Amaya CEO David Baazov has been charged following a Quebec investigation into insider trading related to a 2014 acquisition that transformed the firm into the world's largest online poker company.

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After years of moving rightward in order to capture votes, it now faces the prospect of being seriously outflanked on the left.

— THOMAS WALKOM

There are many winners in Tuesday's budget, ranging from middle-income families with children to poor seniors to university researchers.

But there is one clear loser — Tom Mulcair's New Democratic Party.

With this budget, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government has confirmed that its veer to the left during last fall's election campaign was not just a fleeting tactic.

It seems the Liberals plan to position themselves as standard-bearers of the centre-left. They hope to be known as the party of activist government and, when necessary, big government.

And the NDP? After years of moving rightward in order to capture votes, it now faces the prospect of being seriously outflanked on the left.

In the wake of Tuesday's budget, Mulcair could complain only that the Liberals have not yet done enough to meet their own campaign promises.

That's a fair enough criticism. But it ignores the fact that, had the NDP won last fall's election and implemented its campaign prom-

ise to balance the books regardless of circumstance, the federal government would have been able to do even less.

Meanwhile, others on the centre-left were far more complimentary towards the Liberals.

Writing in the *Star*, Peter Bleyer and Trish Hennessey of the leftish Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives lauded Finance Minister Bill Morneau's first budget for putting the federal government back into the business of economic leadership.

On files ranging from poverty reduction to infrastructure investment to battling inequality, the pair said, the government is finally acting.

"It (the budget) is hardly perfect," they wrote. "But it's more balanced in terms of public priorities than any federal budget in a long time."

The left-leaning Broadbent Institute (named for former NDP leader Ed Broadbent) was more critical, taking the Liberals to task for their failure to raise corporate taxes and close tax loopholes.

But it too welcomed elements announced in the



budget, particularly the new means-tested Canada Child Benefit.

So far, the NDP strategy for dealing with Trudeau appears to be based on the premise that over time the Liberals will remain true to form — that their dalliance with the left was merely a tactic to win power and that once in government they will show their true colours.

Certainly, that's what history suggests. Jean Chretien's Liberal government was elected in 1993 on a platform to create jobs and build infrastructure. Yet two years later, that same Liberal government embarked on a series of savage spending cuts that gutted welfare, crippled the employment insurance system and slashed medicare.

Perhaps Trudeau will mimic Chretien eventually. But so far, there is no sign of that.

Going into this budget, the Liberals were presented with a clear choice: They could keep their ambitious spending promises, or they could keep their pledge to limit deficits to \$10 billion a year. The weak economy meant they couldn't do both.

That the Liberals chose spending over fiscal constraint is telling. It signals that they think their political future lies with voters who are not content to wait for economic benefits to trickle down from the top.

At the same time, Trudeau's government is doing little to lure centre-right voters away from the Conservatives. It's indicative that in this budget, Morneau casually axed a planned small-business tax cut.

If the Liberals have indeed decided to position themselves more permanently to the left of centre, the New Democrats will be in a quandary. Many of their policies, such as the call for universal pharmacare, do differ from those of the Liberals. But the NDP's current affection for balanced budgets, market forces and small business disguises this fact.

As a result, many voters find it hard to figure out exactly what the modern NDP is and what it stands for.

A lot of New Democrats get this. Those who favour the somewhat vague Leap manifesto, which calls for a re-thinking of the entire economy in light of climate change and aboriginal issues, are looking for a way to re-inspire the NDP.

"When a party such as the NDP forgets why it exists, its constituents desert," political scientist Duncan Cameron wrote on rabble.ca this week.

That's particularly true when another centre-left party, in this case the Liberal Party, is actively wooing.

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"Not guilty" could bring real change



Rosemary Westwood
Metro Canada

Will Ghomeshi walk? The long stream of bombshells that was Jian Ghomeshi's sexual-assault trial comes down to that question.

And when Justice William B. Horkins delivers his verdict, journalists, lawyers and observers expect the same: Not guilty, on all counts.

Ghomeshi's lawyer, Marie Henein, left the proceedings swimming in reasonable doubt from pot-hole-ridden testimony. Consent was nowhere to be found, and it didn't matter.

But with apologies to the three complainants, for whom that certainly isn't the best outcome — a not-guilty sweep might be what Canada needs.

It would further galvanize the protests planned in Toronto today, and perhaps spur others. It would infuriate onlookers dismayed at the adversarial, even cruel, dynamics of the courtroom.

It wouldn't surprise sexual-violence advocates who have watched an impotent justice system download the fallout of sexual assaults directly onto the victims, as it routinely fails to engender their trust.

But it will give those advocates an extra high-profile bit of ammunition. And they need

all the help they can get.

It's been 40 years since rape-shield laws were introduced, and yet, still, only 90 per cent of sexual assaults are reported to police, never mind adjudicated in the courts.

In past years, and again since the start of this trial, various reforms have been batted around, including creating a courts for sexual assaults, inspired by those for mental health sufferers. Also: restorative justice; trying sexual assaults as civil cases, in which where the burden of proof is a "balance of probabilities," instead of the "beyond a shadow of a doubt" standard of criminal court; and dedicated lawyers for complainants.

Each idea has merit, and yet nothing has been done. This country needs anger.

An acquittal may well be the correct verdict, in legal terms. It could also be the correct sentence in a trial that has been set up, from the beginning, as our big chance to collectively witness systemic failings, and demand change.

Pamela Cross, a lawyer and long-time advocate for sexual assault victims, already believes the conditions are right, regardless of the verdict. "Canadians are talking about sexual assault in a way that really has never happened before," she told me.

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Who will prevail?

Henry Cavill is the latest incarnation of Superman in *Batman v Superman*, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

BATMAN V SUPERMAN

From the film to the box office, superheroes fight it out

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Superhero geeks need not fear, this column will contain no spoilers.

In *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, the world's two most famous caped crime fighters throw down, wrestling literally and figuratively to determine what kind of hero is best suited to serve the world's needs.

The story picks up after the action in *Man of Steel*, which

saw Superman (the square-jawed Henry Cavill) protect the planet by destroying half of Metropolis in an epic battle with the evil General Zod (Michael Shannon).

Batman (Ben Affleck), unimpressed with the collateral damage, joins the contingent of folks who see the Last Son of Krypton not as a champion but an alien threat. A battle ensues.

Who will win? Other than Kryptonite, Superman has no known weaknesses, so this would seem like a fairly one-sided fight, but Batman has skills as well, so who knows?

To get to the bottom of the matter I held a highly unscientific Facebook *Batman v Superman* poll to determine a winner. It drew mixed results.

"Brains over brawn," wrote one FB friend, "Batman for the win!"

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 ★★
Eye in the Sky ★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
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"Superman could basically fly down at super speed striking Batman before he could even sense he was coming and turn the Bat into vapour," wrote a Superman fan.

Another wasn't so sure. "Both seem to wear their underwear over their pants... it is a tough call." Whatever the outcome, expect a wild showdown. But that's on screen. It's make-believe. What about *Reel Life v Real Life*?

The Caped Crusader and Supes have been duking it

out for decades at the box office but Batman, specifically the Christian Bale era, comes out on top. The *Dark Knight Rises* and *The Dark Knight KO* the competition, with the 1978 *Superman*, the first Tim Burton *Batman* and the recent *Man of Steel* rounding out the top five.

Batman also brings in the lion's share of the marketing money. According to comic-bookmovie.com *Batman* sells almost two-to-one to *Superman* products.

That means more parents

dress their kids as *Batman* than *Superman* at Halloween and that includes Ben Affleck and Christian Bale who met at a costume store last year as they shopped for *Batman* outfits for their kids.

What about prestige? Again *Batman* is victorious, with three Academy Award winners — Affleck, Bale and George Clooney — playing the Bat at one time or another.

As for the Metropolis Marvel, Oscar winners Robert Redford and Clint Eastwood both turned down the role as did best actor nominee James Caan who said, "There's no way I'm wearing that silly suit." Oscar winner Nic Cage wore the suit but his *Superman* story never made it before the cameras.

So far my *Reel Life v Real Life* look at *Batman v Superman* favours the Dark Knight,

but Clark Kent's alter ego is still a formidable foe.

Keep in mind, without *Superman* there may never have been a *Batman*.

Predating the Caped Crusader, the Man of Steel is a pioneer whose popularity helped create the superhero genre. Since then he's been ubiquitous, inspiring an American Sign Language symbol, movie serials, TV shows, comic strips, pop songs — (Wish I Could Fly Like) *Superman* by The Kinks among many others — and even a Broadway musical called *It's a Bird...It's a Plane...It's Superman*.

Finally, as one of my Facebook friends pointed out, *Superman* has at least one insurmountable advantage over *Batman*: "If *Superman* loses the fight he can fly back in time to fight again."



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Eye in the Sky targets drone warfare

MILITARY THRILLER

Director kept seeing Helen Mirren as mission leader

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Drones are certainly one of the technological marvels of the modern age — albeit a curiosity that is fraught with controversy.

In fact, military drones have specifically been scrutinized for the perception that the remote-controlled flying gadgets are largely responsible for reckless deaths in war zones. For former lawyer-turned-filmmaker Gavin Hood, it was an issue absolutely ripe for the cinema.

"For me, the script was an invitation to a highly-charged debate," explained Hood while promoting his new drama *Eye in the Sky*. "It presents multiple points-of-view and moral, ethical and legal arguments

around the question of drone warfare and leaves the audience in the position of a juror in a jury trial."

The taut thriller focuses in particular on a mission led by an authoritative military colonel (played by Helen Mirren) set on taking out via drone the terrorist she's tracked for years. However, when a nine-year old Kenyan innocent gets within range, the showdown to strike escalates into a fiery moral incident.

"When I was reading the script, I just kept seeing Helen Mirren in my head," said Hood of the mission leader that was originally written as a male character. "I kept thinking which actor could play this role and it had nothing to do with gender. (A film like this) needs actors who can give you what she does so well — which is moments of humor, moments of nuance, moments of manipulation — that enrich every scene."

Hood adds modifying the military role for Mirren also had little to do with the recent raucous raised by a recent USC study spotlighting Hollywood's major diversity problem. In-



Helen Mirren stars as a colonel on a mission in highly charged drama *Eye in the Sky*. HANDOUT

stead, his choice simply reflected a humble attempt to craft an authentic story.

"The fact is that more and more women are joining the military," stated the 52-year-old director behind hits like *X-Men Origins: Wolverine* and 2006's Foreign Language Oscar-winner *Tsotsi*. "There are

women in (military intelligence officer) roles and there are more and more women in the role of drone sensor operators, drone pilots and behind the scenes, which is why there are so many women in the film. That's not us being politically correct, that's just a reality of what's happening."

FILM NOTES

Time in army fuels plot

Gavin Hood was drafted into the army at 17 — something that informed his filmmaking career.

"As a young person starting out making films you don't necessarily know why you're drawn to certain things," said Hood. "But now that I'm over 50, I do seem to still be working out a great deal of questions (from) those two years in the military."

Director Gavin Hood

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In memoriam...

Eye in the Sky will also mark one of respected thespian Alan Rickman's very last films — having passed away in January.

"This was a man of wonderful intelligence, genuine kindness, great wit and I think we were very lucky to have him in the film," said Hood.

"What he's able to do with just the raise of any eyebrow or the slightest twist on a line is enrich a scene."

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Amy Adams is no damsel in distress

INTERVIEW

Actress returns as Lois Lane and dishes on her super role

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood



Amy Adams steps back into the iconic role of Lois Lane for *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* three years after her first outing, *Man of Steel*.

Just don't call her a damsel in distress.

While her character may still need rescuing from time to time, the fact that it's Superman doing the rescuing should count for something, right?

This movie had quite a lengthy production.

I don't know how long, I was involved for about six months of it, on and off. Coming and going, so yeah. But they prepped for a really long time.

That's the thing that nobody sees, all the prep that goes into it. They're prep-



Amy Adams comes out to play Lois Lane a second time in *Batman v Superman*. CONTRIBUTED

BEN AFFLECK

Putting rumours to rest

While doing press for *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, Ben Affleck has found himself addressing a lot of misconceptions.

One he's more than happy to clear up? The suggestion

that he was originally offered the gig of directing 2013's *Man of Steel*

before Zack Snyder. "It's not true that I turned down *Man of Steel*," Affleck insists. "I learned a lot from Zack on this movie."

"One of the really valuable things about it for me, aside from the personal experience of playing the part, was watching a guy who really understands how to make films on this level, with cutting-edge technology, combining in-camera stuff with visual effects and stunts and all the tools at a director's disposal, and seeing how Zack meticulously constructed them using hand-drawn storyboards, frame by frame and evolving into the movie that you saw, in a fairly consistent vision."

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ping Justice League right now, so I'm sure Zack's exhausted.

In taking on an icon like Lois Lane, what do you think are the more intrinsic parts about the character that you have to get across?

I think she's kind of a little ball-busting. I'd like to put it nicer, but I don't know how to put it nicer. She's sassy! (laughs) But yeah, she kind of has a lot of moxie, so you've got to get that across.

You know, you have to get that she kind of goes into situations that get her in a lot of trouble, that require a certain amount of rescuing. I shy away from "damsel in distress," though.

You have to kind of build that into the character as a

sort of energy that you feel like she's a woman who fought her way to where she is and really digs in.

The fact that she gets to be rescued by Superman rather than she just needing to be rescued by a normal person ...

She understands going into these situations, there's a very real possibility that dangerous things can and will happen to her.

So I don't think she goes in with the idea that someone will save her — well, maybe she does now that she's got an in.

"Oh, I wouldn't mess with me, it doesn't end well, I've seen it. I've seen what happens." He can get here really fast. Super fast.

It feels like Superman hasn't done a very good

job explaining himself to the human race in general, but he seems to communicate well with Lois.

I think she's in a relationship with Clark, and the rest of the world is in a relationship with Superman, so I know him as a human being, his human side. I know he's an alien, but I know him as a man — Clark the man.

It's nice to get to play with Clark because Lois doesn't always get to do that in the history of Lois.

She's usually not in a relationship with Clark, she's in a relationship with Superman.

Do you have an idea of where that can go?

She accepts that they're the same person. Superman is the title that's been given to him by the world, but she calls him Clark.

She's never like, "Superman!" She calls after him, it's always Clark. He's just Clark to her.

That bathtub scene had to be either a really fun day at work or a really aggravating day at work.

It's not aggravating, it's not fun. It's just another day at the office in my flesh-colored underwear. (laughs)

Hopefully they keep the water warm.

They keep the water warm. They treat me with a ton of respect. It is tricky, for my own modesty and because they can't use the take if you see anything, so it's a very fine balance.

They did a good job. There were some bath salts and stuff. I think it's actually milk powder. My skin ended up very soft. There have been worse days.

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Paper napkins can make for eggcellent design.

Handcrafted egg decorations are a fun Easter tradition. Decoupage eggs using paper napkin cut-outs is an easy way to dress them up without messy dyes. Skip the time consuming egg-blowing ritual and opt for faux eggs that you can use to decorate your table or add to gift baskets throughout the season.

Step 1: Gather and shop for the supplies:

- Decorative paper napkins with a white background
- Eggs (we used plastic ones from a dollar store)
- Paintbrush
- Decoupage glue (we used Modge Podge in matte)
- Scissors



To save time, you can skip the egg blowing and get plastic eggs. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Step 2: Cut out shapes from paper napkins:

Using scissors, loosely cut around the areas of the napkin you wish to use to decorate your eggs.

The edges will blend into

the egg surface. Napkins are made up of multiple layers. Peel away the printed top layer so that you end up with one thin piece.

Thinner pieces of paper are easier to apply to the egg.

Step 3: Start decoupage: Using the paintbrush, apply the glue to the area of the egg you wish to decorate, and then carefully press the cut paper shape to the egg.

Smooth out the paper shape from the centre outwards using your fingertips. Let dry for a few minutes.

Step 4: Apply a second coat of glue.

Using the paintbrush, apply a second coat of glue over the decorated area.

This helps seal the paper to the egg.

The glue will be dry in about one hour, but plan on giving the more time to dry completely.

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The New York Yankees' DH Alex Rodriguez says he will retire after the 2017 season, when he will be 42

Back from exile, it's now crunch time for Drouin

NHL

Ex-Moosehead finds balance after bumps in road to bigs

Though Jonathan Drouin is out of exile after the Lightning lifted his suspension, the play-making forward's NHL career remains in limbo now that he's returned to playing in the American Hockey League.

And Drouin isn't packing his bags for Tampa Bay just yet based on a few encouraging words expressed by general manager Steve Yzerman.

"I've said it since Day 1 I showed up back here: It'll be up to my play to prove that I can go back up there," Drouin told The Associated Press last weekend. "I don't make those decisions. But it's definitely nice to (hear)."

The 20-year-old referred to comments Yzerman made at the NHL GMs meetings last week. Yzerman called the possibility "very realistic" of Drouin being recalled from the Syracuse Crunch before season's end.

Those chances looked even slimmer as he was again disciplined on Wednesday — this time for missing a pre-practice team meeting.

Crunch GM Julien BriseBois announced Drouin would not play at Utica on Wednesday.



Jonathan Drouin has endured a rocky time so far in his Lightning tenure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

BriseBois said it's a one-game punishment, and Drouin will return for the Crunch's next game against Albany on Friday.

Drouin had said he knew better than to take anything for granted during a tumultuous season in which his career has been derailed by injuries, a demotion to the minors, his agent going public with a trade demand, and with Drouin informing the Crunch he would no longer play for them.

Looking back in a couple of years, I'll probably see a couple of things I did right or wrong.

Jonathan Drouin

Suspended by the Lightning on Jan. 20 after he failed to show up for a game in Toronto, Drouin was reinstated on March 7 after he contacted Yzerman about the possibility of returning to Syracuse.

"At one point, I realized

maybe it's time to get back to playing hockey," said Drouin, selected third in the 2013 draft after three stand-out seasons with the Halifax Mooseheads, a spell that wasn't without its problems either.

Drouin had two goals and

an assist in seven games before he left the Crunch. And he has five goals and an assist in six games since being reinstated.

Scoring was never an issue for Drouin in the Quebec Major Junior League, where he combined for 77 goals and 242 points in 128 games. At the NHL level, Drouin's defensive play was suspect, which led to him having difficulty earning a regular role with the Lightning.

"There's a reason why people are down here. If you were that good, if you were doing everything right, you wouldn't be down here," Crunch coach and former NHLer Rob Zetter said. "His play away from the puck has got to be better, and I think he knows that."

Zetter is focusing on the future rather than the past.

"He's part of the big picture of Tampa Bay," Zetter said. "And what that means going forward, who knows. But the bottom line is he has to play well to help us win, which in turn will help Tampa Bay win, and everybody looks good."

Drouin isn't second-guessing himself.

"Looking back in a couple of years, I'll probably see a couple of things that maybe you did right or wrong. But right now, it's hard to say," he said. "Definitely some bumps in the road, so it's better to learn from them and grow from them."

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INJURY WOE

Subban preaches patience

P.K. Subban says he won't rush back to action if there is any risk of making a "scary" neck injury worse.

The Montreal Canadiens star defenceman spoke to the media Wednesday for the first time since he suffered the injury late in a 3-2 win over the Sabres on March 10. He skated in his first full practice with the team since the incident.

"I have to follow what the doctors say," said Subban, who has missed six games. "I've still got some symptoms from the



P.K. Subban.

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injury and they don't want me back unless I'm at 100 per cent.

"I want to be patient. It's the first time in my career I've been out because of an injury."

He will accompany the team to Detroit but Subban won't play Thursday. The Bell Centre fell silent with 2:26 left against Buffalo when Alexei Emelin crashed into the fallen Subban's head. Team medical staff put him on a stretcher and Subban gave a little hand signal as he left to show he was OK.

"The first thing I wanted to do, because I knew it was my neck, was to move my hands and my legs. Also, if my parents were watching, they could see that my hands were moving and stuff," he said.

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Troy Tulowitzki grimaces after being hit on the hand in Wednesday's game against the Mets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays await Tulo X-rays

GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

Star shortstop leaves game after being hit on knuckles

Toronto shortstop Troy Tulowitzki left in the fourth inning of the Blue Jays' 3-1 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday after being hit on the right hand by a pitch from Bartolo Colon.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Tulowitzki was struck on the knuckles and will have X-rays. Gibbons said the Blue Jays think the injury isn't major.

"It's swollen a little bit and he cut it up a little bit, too," Gibbons said. "It's a sensitive area, hands and all that. Hopefully it's nothing."

Toronto slugger Jose Bautista was a late scratch due to neck stiffness, a move Gibbons said was precautionary.

Coming off a start Friday against Washington in which he allowed eight runs over five innings, Colon limited the Blue Jays to three hits — including two by Darrell Ceciliani — over six scoreless innings.

Toronto's Aaron Sanchez, bidding to be the fifth starter, scattered four hits in 6-1/3 shutout innings.

He has given up three earned runs in 19-2/3 innings and five appearances.

"They both get groundballs all day long," Gibbons said of Colon and Sanchez.

Colon had six strikeouts, while Sanchez picked up four. Neither had a walk.

"Bartolo was doing his thing out there," Sanchez said.

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Marcus Stroman CREDIT

As expected, Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Marcus Stroman would start the opener April 3 at Tampa Bay.

"I'm honoured, I'm humbled," Stroman said after pitching in a minor league game.

Gibbons also didn't rule out Stroman taking the hill five days later in the home opener against the Boston Red Sox.

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CURLING WORLDS

Carey misses last shot, Canada falls to 6-2

Canada's Chelsea Carey missed the final shot in the 10th end as her Calgary-based rink lost to South Korea's Ji Sun Kim 8-7 on Wednesday afternoon in Draw 13 of the women's curling world championship.

Carey (6-2) struggled with draw weight in the first half of the game, but used a well-placed takeout in the eighth for a decisive lead.

Looking for a simple takeout in the 10th, Carey threw through the house with South

Korea sitting two.

Kim (4-3) took advantage of Canada's early struggles to take control of the game early.

Canada, with the hammer, opened the first end with a blank. Carey came up well short on a draw in the second end, giving South Korea a steal of two for the lead. Carey then tied it 2-2 with a hit and roll in the third end, recovering from her earlier gaffe.

Third Amy Nixon threw a pair of offline rocks in the fourth

end, digging a hole for Canada. Carey recovered though with a double takeout to minimize the damage, forcing Korean fourth Un Chi Gim to throw a draw for one and a 3-2 lead. A blank in the fifth kept the score 3-2.

Carey opened the second half with a double in a crowded house, taking a 4-2 out of the sixth. Gim then drew in for a single to tie it 4-4 in the seventh.

A perfectly placed single takeout for a triple by Carey in the eighth end brought the

Canadian fans in attendance at Credit Union i-Plex to their feet with cowbells ringing out in celebration.

South Korea replied with a double in the ninth end to make it 7-6, then Carey's last stone in the 10th end was weighted too heavy and Kim picked up the decisive two-point steal.

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Day tweaks back in Match Play victory

GOLF

Aussie's roll could be stunted by pain

Jason Day overcame an early deficit to win his opening match Wednesday in the Dell Match Play.

Now he has to overcome a bad back.

In the latest in a series of injuries for Day, he was reaching for his back for a couple of holes until he winced and grabbed it after a tee shot on the 16th hole. He took a knee on the green, where he closed out Graeme McDowell, 3 and 2.

Day headed straight for the fitness trailer for treatment.

The severity of the injury was unclear. Day left without speaking to reporters, and his agent later told the PGA Tour there



Jason Day's health is uncertain after Thursday's round in Austin, Texas. DAVID CANNON/GETTY IMAGES

would be no statement.

Top-seeded Jordan Spieth, the crowd favourite at Austin Country Club who helped Texas to a national title in 2012, had the largest crowd and delivered a solid performance. Spieth was 4 up through seven holes, and

outlasted Jamie Donaldson, 3 and 2.

Rickie Fowler, the No. 5 seed, wasn't so fortunate. Fowler rallied from 3 down on the back nine to square his match on the 15th hole, only for Jason Dufner to win the next two holes with

birdies in a 2-and-1 victory.

Dustin Johnson (No. 8) lost to Robert Streb, and Hideki Matsuyama (No. 12) lost to Rafa Cabrera-Bello.

In the round-robin format, all of the players still have a chance to advance from their groups and reach the knockout stage. A year ago, only three players who lost in the first round managed to reach the round of 16. It might be easier this year because there are halves during group play.

Bubba Watson (No. 4) halved his match with PGA Tour rookie Patton Kizzire.

Phil Mickelson, playing his World Golf Championship for the first time in five years, had the shortest match. Mickelson ran off three birdies in a four-hole stretch on the front nine to build a big lead and Matthew Fitzpatrick couldn't catch up. The match ended on the 14th hole. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL IN QUEBEC CITY

Dion undeterred by lousy loonie

The low Canadian dollar will not deter Quebecor Inc. from pursuing its goal of landing a National Hockey League franchise in Quebec City, the media conglomerate's CEO said Wednesday.

The "destination remains the same," Pierre Dion said in a reference to the provincial capital, which has been without a team

since the Nordiques left for Colorado in 1995.

"That's where I want to reassure people. But it's true that the reality of the dollar is still there."

Dion admitted to reporters after a business speech he does check the loonie's value on a daily basis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Croatia starts Euro prep with win over Israel

Inter Milan teammates Ivan Perisic and Marcelo Brozovic scored in the first half as Croatia began its preparations for the European Championship with a 2-0 victory over Israel at home in a friendly in Osijek on Wednesday.

Captain Darjo Srna limped off late in the first half after being on the receiving end of a rough tackle.

In another friendly, Slovenia beat Macedonia 1-0. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Euros won't bow to fear

Striking a defiant tone, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls says it is "vital" this summer's European Championship in France goes ahead to show the country will not cower in the wake of the deadly attacks in Brussels and Paris.

"Big sporting events, big cultural events, are vital to show that we are a free people standing on our feet," Valls said on Wednesday. "So, yes, Euro 2016 and the Tour de France will take place." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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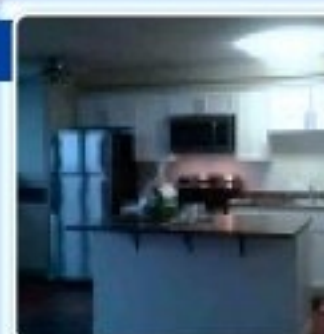
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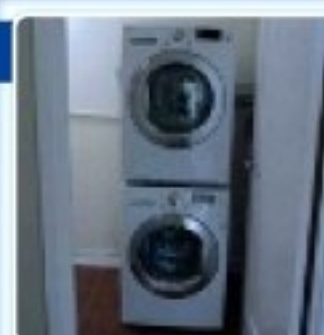
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For Metro Canada

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Ready in
Time: 5 mins

Ingredients

- 1 carrot, grated or slice
- 1/2 English cucumber, grated
- 1/2 avocado, sliced
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup light cream cheese
- 4 slices of whole grain bread

Directions

1. Begin by grating your carrot and grating or slicing cucumber into bowls. Now halve

your avocado. Gently slice it in the shell and turn the slices out onto a plate. Sprinkle the slices with lemon juice to keep them from browning

2. Now it's time to assemble. Place four slices of bread down on a clean cutting board. Load two with cream cheese to your desired thickness

3. Sprinkle your desired amount of carrot and cucumber over the cheese and gently press it into the bread using the back of a wooden spoon or your hand.

4. Arrange a few slices of avocado on the remaining two pieces of bread. Pair up your avocado halves with the cheese halves and serve.

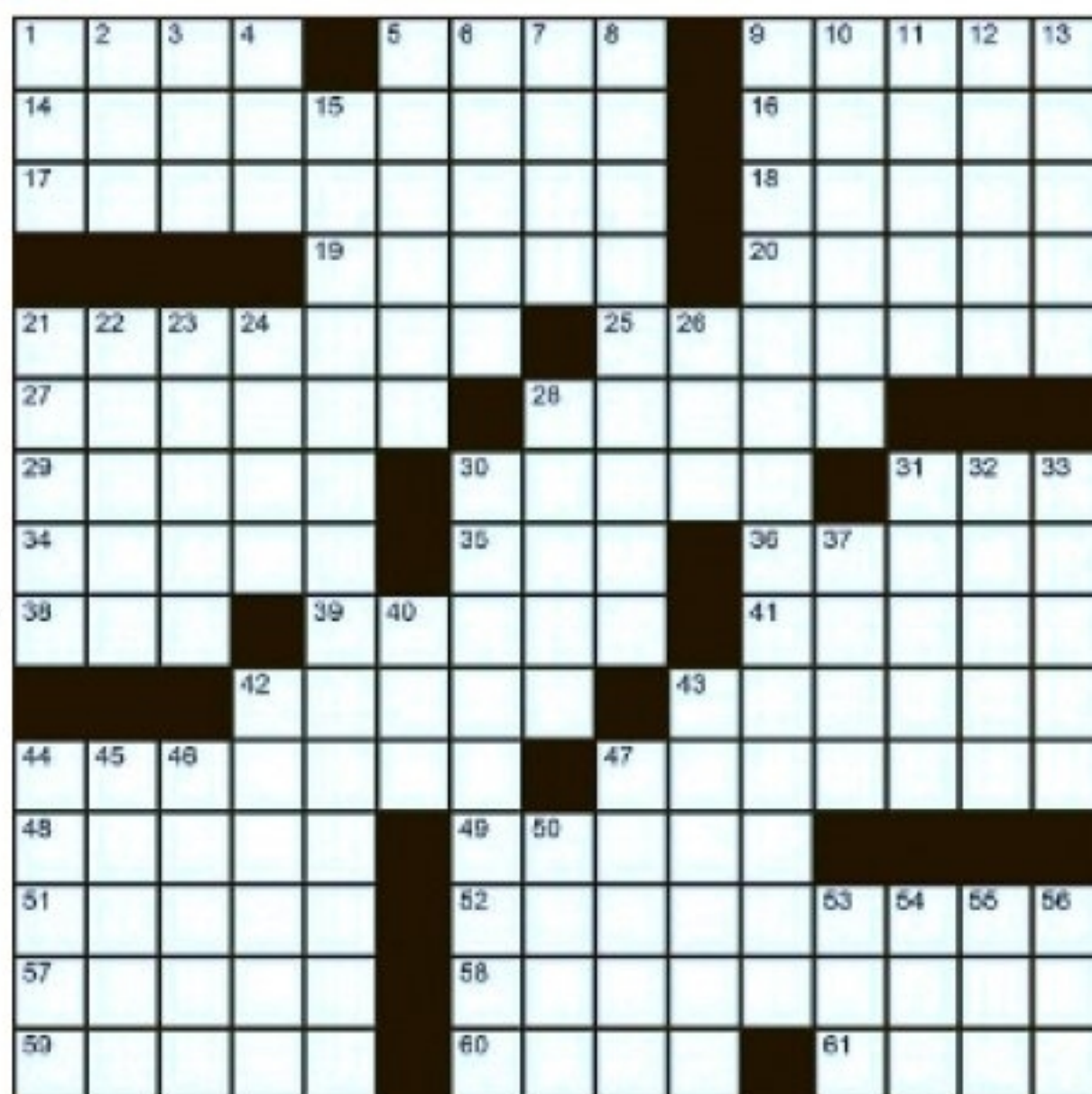
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ACROSS

- Guzzle the Guinness
- Light rain
- Perilous precipitation
- Basket or box
- Writer, Oscar (b.1854 - d.1900)
- Nova Scotia's provincial tree: 2 wds.
- Mirror's mirroring
- Rigatoni or macaroni
- George Harrison played it on "Norwegian Wood"
- Lodging, in Lyon
- "Automatic": 1984 hit for The Pointer
- Person sitting for the sketching artist, say
- Easter story betrayer
- Like porridge bits
- Hurting more
- Purpose
- Sanctified, olde-style
- "Faster!"
- Thanks, in Rimouski
- Tee's alphabetical predecessor
- Golf club types
- Talks and talks [var. sp.]
- Hightails it
- Concurs
- The Easter Bunny's savings: 2 wds.
- Metal castings factory
- Optical layers
- "That '70s Show" star Ms. Prepon
- Mr. Carradine of Madonna's music video



"Material Girl"
52. Commonwealth country
57. Tedium
58. Dedicated/dependable
59. Super slope-y
60. Landscaping rolls
61. Variety

DOWN

- "Born on the Bayou" band, briefly
- Uprooter of small weeds
- And, in Munich
- Initials-sharers of Sulu's portrayer on "Star Trek"
- Oasis, to someone

lost in the desert
6. Operating: 2 wds.
7. Splinter group
8. Chests contents at sea
9. The Pope's protection: 3 wds.
10. Restricts
11. Raise the spirits with joy

12. For Better or For Worse dog
13. Ready-for-play golfers
15. Set-in-Quebec movie of 1974, "The of Duddy Kravitz"
21. .pdf files program, Acrobat
22. Russian moun-

tain chain
23. Kathy of "Mystery" (1990)
24. Rearing ruminants
26. 'Flour' suffix
28. Connects
30. Whisky holder in the bar: 2 wds.
31. Bowed, like a rainbow
32. One who finds things yucky, perhaps
33. Ms. Gold of "Benson"
37. Net dollars
40. Dusting cloth
42. Museum's marble man
43. Major blood arteries
44. Informally uses the microwave
45. Incident
46. Sight from the Eiffel Tower
47. Melded
50. Delivery to the dealership
53. Situated at the ship's stern
54. Do some of a mason's work
55. To-the-Internet connection, for short
56. Finished the food

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You have strong ideas about politics, religion and racial issues today, and you want to express them. This could cause a problem with a friend or partner.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Behind-the-scenes research reveals how you can get funds or assistance. Nevertheless, be prepared for interruptions to your work day. Computer crashes, canceled meetings and staff shortages are examples.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You can convince anyone of anything today because your mind is alert and energetic! Parents should be vigilant about potential accidents for their kids.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a great day to talk to bosses and authority figures because they will be impressed with you. Nevertheless, this could upset someone at home or in your family.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an accident-prone day. Your daily routine will be interrupted — you can count on this. Allow extra time so that you have wiggle room to deal with things.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Keep an eye on your money today, because you might find money or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss or theft. Be leery of someone who sweet talks a deal.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A close friend or partner might surprise you today. One thing is certain: Conversations will be dynamic and productive! Expect fast action.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will impress work colleagues today, because your mind is in over-drive and you see everything clearly. (This also will help you to cope with unexpected interruptions on the job.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be vigilant, as this is an accident-prone day for your kids. However, this also is a creative day for those who work in the arts and an active day for those in sports.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Family discussions will be dynamic today. You will want to give your two cents' worth. Stay light on your feet, because it's a fast-changing day!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your daily routine will change today because of cancelled meetings, minor accidents and surprises. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Fortunately, you're on top of things!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a strong day for business and commerce. You will persuade others to agree with you. However, something unexpected will catch you off-guard, so be prepared.

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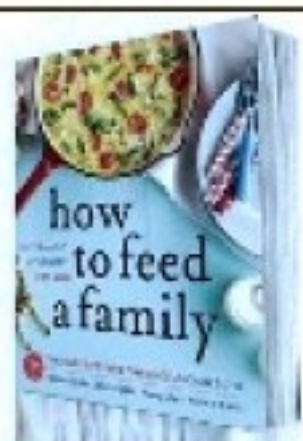
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